



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of: Raymond F. Cracauer
Serial No.: 09/782,702
Filed: 02/13/01
Entitled: Nucleic Acid Synthesizers

Group No.: 1634
Examiner: Betty Forman

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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Sir or Madam:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed 05/06/03. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a one month extension of time, August 8, 2003 to September 8, 2003, is included with this communication.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following new paragraph: "This is a Continuation-In-Part Application of Application Serial No. 09/771,332, filed January 26, 2001."

On page 9, after the Summary of the Invention section, please insert the following: